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New York District

Food & Drug Administration
158-15 Liberty Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11433

WARNING LETTER

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 18, 2001

Edward J. Paquette, Executive Director
Terminal One Management, Inc.
JFK International Airport – Terminal One
Jamaica, NY 11430

Ref: NYK-2001-60

Dear Mr. Paquette:

During a March 27, 2001 inspection of your airline watering point and lavatory service area facilities located at Terminal One at JFK International Airport in Jamaica, NY, our investigator observed violations of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, the investigator presented the Inspectional Observations (Form FDA 483) and Inspection Summary-Airline Service Area or Watering Point Sanitation (Form FDA 2528) (copies enclosed) to you and discussed the findings with you. The following deficiencies were observed:

Watering Point Facilities:

1. There were no backflow prevention devices in the lines leading to the hydrant outlets located at Gates 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11.
2. There were no caps or closures with keeper chains on the potable water hoses located at Gates 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11.
3. There were no nozzle guards or disks on the potable water hoses located at Gates 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11.
4. There were sand residues on the floors of the potable water cabinets located at Gates 8, 10, and 11.

Lavatory Service Area Facilities:

1. There was no backflow prevention device in the water supply line. There was no vacuum breaker on the discharge side of the last control valve at least six inches above the highest point that the top of the waste conveyor tank will reach when in the washing position.
2. There was no nozzle on the hose located in the waste container tank washing facility.
3. There was no handwashing sign located in the employees' sanitation facility instructing employees to wash their hands before returning to work.
4. There were no soap and towel dispensers in the employees' sanitation facility.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies that may exist. As a result of these inspectional findings, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a 30 day period at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvements have not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

You should take prompt action to correct the deficiencies. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations are being met. You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct each of the noted violations.

Your response should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 158-15 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433, Attn: Bruce A. Goldwitz, Compliance Officer. If you have any questions, you can call Mr. Goldwitz at 718/340-7000 ext. 5582.

Sincerely,



Edward W. Thomas
Acting District Director

Enclosures: Forms FDA 483 and FDA 2528 dated March 27, 2001

cc: Margaret Becker, Officer in Charge
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